

to our local governments in Napa County. These tax dollars supported and benefitted our community in many ways, including improving infrastructure and public safety.

National Travel and Tourism Week recognizes the important impact travel and tourism have on our economy and celebrates our community and the people that work in this important sector. Through their customer service and positive interactions with visitors they promote Napa County as a world-class destination. This week is a chance to commemorate members of the hospitality and related industries and acknowledge the work they do and the important role they play in our economy and community.

Mr. Speaker, travel and tourism are essential to our region in terms of our economy and our community's character. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we recognize May 6 through 12, 2018 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Napa County, California.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CYRUS M.
JOLLIVETTE

HON. AL LAWSON, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cyrus M. Jollivette, who passed away suddenly a few days ago, at the age of 72. Russ, as he was affectionately known, embodied the very best of the American spirit and ideals. With his passing, Florida, and indeed, our nation has lost a beloved leader and a cherished friend.

Russ was a great friend to this institution and well known to many of us here in the House, from his many years representing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, and the University of Miami in Washington. I speak for all of us when I say that our thoughts and prayers go out to his family especially his sister Regina, Cleo, his daughter Lynn and grandkids Richard and Lauren.

Russ loved his community and always worked tirelessly to make life better for someone else. He embodied the axiom of Mary McLeod Bethune that former U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek taught us: "service is the price you pay for the space that God lets you occupy."

In that tradition, Russ left his mark in so many ways. At the University of Miami where he helped to expand the University's research and biomedical mission, as well as the campus footprint in Miami. In the arts, his work with the Ritz Chamber Players is legendary.

Russ was a man of faith. He had faith in God. Faith in his family. Faith in his community. And, faith in his country.

His loss will be deeply felt across Florida and this nation. May it be a source of comfort to you Lynn, Cleo, and Regina, and all of his family and friends that so many in our community, our state, and our country mourn with you.

MEANINGFUL WORK AND
MENTORSHIP GIVE VETERANS A
FUTURE, NOT JUST A JOB

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the work of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and include in the RECORD an article by P. Barry Butler on its program.

Joseph Scanlan left for Marine boot camp the day after his 18th birthday. At 23, he was ending his service as a platoon sergeant. Unlike many veterans, he knew where he was going next: Microsoft.

Although the veteran unemployment rate hit its lowest point in more than a decade in December 2017, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics experts say the data do not reflect underemployment. Many are trapped in minimum-wage jobs that only add to the pressure of transitioning to civilian life.

Today, Scanlan is a Microsoft Premier Field Engineer based in Boulder, Colo. He entered the skilled workforce through the Microsoft Software & Systems Academy (MSSA) program, available through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is now pursuing a degree in Technical Management from Embry-Riddle and hopes to work on artificial intelligence or cloud computing.

Microsoft launched the MSSA program in November 2013 at Joint Base-Lewis McChord. The reskilling program is now accessible to military personnel across the country. Enrollment is open to transitioning service members within six months of separation and honorably discharged veterans who recently transitioned from the military.

The two-term, 18-week program available through Embry-Riddle prepares graduates to launch careers as server and cloud administrators, cloud applications developers and cybersecurity administrators. Graduates are guaranteed an interview for a full-time job at one of the more than 280 industry hiring companies.

They enjoy a 92 percent placement rate in the IT industry at an average starting salary of more than \$70,000. For the 80 percent who enter the program without a degree, this triples their earning potential.

By 2020, Microsoft estimates they will graduate approximately 1,000 students annually from the MSSA program.

"Along the way, we've learned valuable lessons about the importance of mentorship, communication, interpersonal training, and dedicated one-on-one career support—and I believe this model is ripe for expansion," said USMC Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Chris Cortez, Vice President of Microsoft Military Affairs.

Scanlan is part of that one-on-one equation. After his graduation, he mentored the first MSSA cohort at Fort Carson, Colo. He had no IT background going into MSSA, so he can speak directly to the anxieties of veterans with minimal technical skills as they tackle a challenging mix of theory, practice, virtual labs and certification testing. He cites his work ethic and willingness to learn as qualities that now make him successful at Microsoft.

Corporations and universities have a strong incentive to reach out to veterans like Scanlan. Bringing them into technology fields such as IT fills a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills gap and promotes diversity in the workforce.

The United States invests in military personnel and entrusts them with the highest level of responsibility. We can benefit from this investment by welcoming veterans as

skilled employees with demonstrated potential as leaders and mentors.

We cannot afford to squander talents just because a person's active service has ended. A job allows them to survive. A career—with the opportunity to mentor others—gives them back a future.

JAYDEKAI HANH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaydekai Hanh for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jaydekai Hanh is a student at Arvada K–8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jaydekai Hanh is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jaydekai Hanh for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call vote 167 and 168 on May 7, 2018. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call vote 167, and Yea on Roll Call vote 168.

IN HONOR OF TYLER MILLER
BEING NAMED THE 2018 BUSI-
NESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR
THE STATE OF WYOMING

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tyler Miller for being named the 2018 Business Person of the Year for the State of Wyoming.

Small businesses are the foundation of our economy. Every year, the Small Business Administration recognizes one business person from each state who exemplifies the values and dedication of those businesses around the country. This year, Tyler Miller was selected for this honor for the state of Wyoming.

Mr. Miller is the president of Earth Work Solutions in Gillette, Wyoming. Earth Work Solutions is a construction company whose employees pride themselves on their